

12398. Misbranding of Lafayette pain anodyne and Porose pills. U. S. v. 46 Packages of Lafayette Pain Anodyne and 37 Packages of Porose Pills. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 18208, 18270. S. Nos. E-4664, E-4692.)

On December 28, 1923, and January 18, 1924, respectively, the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying the seizure and condemnation of 46 packages of Lafayette pain anodyne and 37 packages of Porose pills remaining in the original unbroken packages at Providence, R. I., alleging that the articles had been shipped by the Lafayette Co. from Berlin, N. H., in part on or about September 27, 1923, and in part on or about September 28, 1923, and transported from the State of New Hampshire into the State of Rhode Island, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analyses of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the Lafayette pain anodyne consisted essentially of volatile oils, such as spearmint and cassia oils, camphor, capsicum, alcohol, and water, and that the Porose pills consisted essentially of extracts of plant drugs, including cascara sagrada, nux vomica, and oily matter, iron carbonate, and small amounts of sodium, arsenic, and sulphate, coated with sugar and calcium carbonate and colored red.

Misbranding of the articles was alleged in the libels for the reason that the following statements appearing in the labels, regarding the curative and therapeutic effect of the said articles, (Lafayette pain anodyne, bottle label and carton, English and French) "Pain Anodyne * * * for relief in certain cases of Rheumatism, Backache, Stiff Joints, Neuralgia * * * Sore Throat, Coughs, Colds, Chills, Colic * * * Diarrhoea, Cholera Morbus, Painful Menstruation * * * Burns," (Porose pills, carton, English and French) "For Girls And Women Of All Ages * * * For Weak Women Of All Ages," (box and wrapper, English and French) "A Special French remedy for ladies and young girls. * * * quiets nervous and sleepless persons. * * * for the critical age of both mothers and daughters and all women's complaints in general," (circular, English and French) "for ladies * * * Women * * * weakened by various diseases * * * are returned to perfect health by the use of Porose Pills * * * for women's diseases * * * effective in diseases caused by anemia, such as general weakness of the body * * * delayed or painful periods (menses,) womb troubles, leucorrhoea (whites,) * * * back-ache, pain in the sides, palpitation of the heart, general debility, irritation and nervousness. In general suffering of women complaints of any kind caused by the change of life and the critical age of young women, or any complaints that give a sickly appearance ought to use Porose Pills, which will render them their health and good looks * * * their curative power * * * permanent cure * * * curative effect * * * For pale or weak young ladies suffering of * * * any * * * complaint particular to women, Porose Pills are an invaluable remedy, which will return to them the color and complexion indicating perfect health * * * Most women complaints are caused by delayed or even suppressed * * * (menses) * * * irregular uterine functions * * * the best of regulating tonics for all women complaints. Puberty Or Change Of Age At the critical stage in the life of any young woman, Porose Pills will furnish the necessary vitality to conquer the weakness torpor (numbness) that characterizes that age Irregular Periods (Menses) * * * Pregnancy And Maternity * * * will strengthen and facilitate greatly the confinement * * * Leucorrhoea (Whites) * * * unequalled for the treatment of this complaint * * * Womb Troubles * * * Indigestion And Sour Stomach * * * Dyspepsia * * * Kidney trouble is invariably relieved," were false and fraudulent, since the said articles contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the curative and therapeutic effects claimed.

On May 23, 1924, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

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12399. Misbranding of Smith's buchu lithia pills. U. S. v. 28 Boxes of Smith's Buchu Lithia Pills. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 17904. S. No. E-4529.)

On November 8, 1923, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme